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## (54) REDUCING DEHALOGENATION PROCESS

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To obtain a fluorocyclopropane compound, especially a 1,2-cis-2- fluorocyclopropanecarboxylic acid derivative by reducing a 1-halogeno-2-fluoro-1-cyclopropane-carboxylic acid derivative.

CONSTITUTION: The fluorodichloropropanes of formula III can be produced by reducing a l-halogeno-2-fluoro-1-cyclopropanecarboxylic acid derivative of formula I (X is Cl, Br or I; COOR1 is ester group) with a compound of formula II [M is alkali or alkaline earth metal; R2 is H, cyano, acyloxy or alkoxy; (m) is 1-4; (n) is 0-3; m+n is 4]. The reaction is preferably carried out in the presence of dimethyl sulfoxide, sulfolane, etc. The compound of formula III is useful as a production raw material for pharmaceuticals and agricultural chemicals. The ciscompound is preferentially produced by this process independent of the steric configuration of the starting raw material. The objective product is easily produced in high yield.



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